

In the Claims:

1. (canceled)
2. (previously amended) A window covering for exterior use, comprising;
  - a. a first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and having a perimeter dimension;
  - b. a second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride;
  - c. a core comprising polycarbonate, said core having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride, wherein said core comprising polycarbonate is positioned between said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and said second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride, wherein said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride, said second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and said core comprising polycarbonate form a sandwich material;
  - d. at least one stile comprising a first side and a second side, wherein said first side of said stile is generally parallel to said second side of said stile, and wherein said first side of said stile contacts said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride along an edge of said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and said

second side of said stile contacts said second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride along an edge of said second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride; and

- e. at least one hinge which is attached to said at least one stile.
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- 3. (canceled)
  - 4. (previously amended) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 2, wherein said stile is linear.
  - 5. (canceled)
  - 6. (previously amended) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 2, wherein said first plane comprising polyvinyl chloride is attached to said core by an adhesive material that is applied to said core comprising polycarbonate, and wherein said adhesive material and at least one stile hold said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core in position to form said sandwich material.
  - 7. (canceled)

8. (original) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 2, wherein said first plane comprising polyvinyl chloride is not of uniform thickness.
9. (canceled)
10. (original) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 4, wherein said first plane comprising polyvinyl chloride is not of uniform thickness.
11. (canceled)
12. (original) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 6, wherein said first plane comprising polyvinyl chloride is not of uniform thickness.
13. (canceled)
14. (previously canceled)
15. (canceled)

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16. (canceled)

17. (canceled)

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20. (canceled)

21. (previously added) A window covering as described in Claim 8, wherein said first plane of material has at least one void therein, and a portion of said core is exposed through said void.

22. (canceled)

23. (canceled)

24. (newly added) A window covering for exterior use, comprising;
- a. a first plane of material having a perimeter dimension;
  - b. a second plane of material having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material;
  - c. a core comprising polycarbonate, said core having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material, wherein said core comprising polycarbonate is positioned between said first plane of material and said second plane of material, wherein said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core comprising polycarbonate form a sandwich material;
  - d. at least one stile comprising a first side and a second side, wherein said first side of said stile is generally parallel to said second side of said stile, and wherein said first side of said stile contacts said first plane of material along an edge of said first plane of material and said second side of said stile contacts said second plane of material along an edge of said second plane of material, wherein said at least one stile holds said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core in position to form said sandwich material; and
  - e. at least one hinge which is attached to said stile;

wherein said first plane of material is attached to said core by an adhesive material that is applied to said core comprising polycarbonate and wherein said adhesive material and at least one stile hold said first plane of material, said

second plane of material and said core in position to form said sandwich material.

25. (newly added) A window covering for exterior use, comprising;
- a. a first plane of material having a perimeter dimension, and not having a uniform thickness;
  - b. a second plane of material having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material;
  - c. a core comprising polycarbonate, said core having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material, wherein said core comprising polycarbonate is positioned between said first plane of material and said second plane of material, wherein said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core comprising polycarbonate form a sandwich material;
  - d. at least one stile comprising a first side and a second side, wherein said first side of said stile is generally parallel to said second side of said stile, and wherein said first side of said stile contacts said first plane of material along an edge of said first plane of material and said second side of said stile contacts said second plane of material along an edge of said second plane of material, wherein said at least one stile holds said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core in position to form said sandwich material; and

- e. at least one hinge which is attached to said stile;
26. (newly added) (previously amended) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 25, wherein said stile is linear.
27. (newly added) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 24, wherein said first plane of material is not of uniform thickness.
28. (newly added) A window covering, comprising;
- a. a first plane of material, wherein said first plane of material comprises polyvinyl chloride
  - b. a second plane of material;
  - c. a center core comprising polycarbonate, wherein said center core comprising polycarbonate is positioned between said first plane of material and said second plane of material, and
  - d. at least one stile that is positioned over an exterior portion of said first plane of material and said at least one stile is positioned over an exterior portion of said second plane of material, wherein said at least one stile holds said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core in position to form a sandwich.

29. (newly added) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 28, wherein said second plane of material comprises polyvinyl chloride.
30. (newly added) A window covering as described in Claim 25, wherein said first plane of material has at least one void therein, and a portion of said core is exposed through said void.
31. (newly added) A window covering for exterior use, comprising;
- a. a first plane of material having a perimeter dimension;
  - b. a second plane of material having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material;
  - c. a core comprising polycarbonate, said core having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material, wherein said core comprising polycarbonate is positioned between said first plane of material and said second plane of material, wherein said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core comprising polycarbonate form a sandwich material;
  - d. at least one stile comprising a first side and a second side, wherein said first side of said stile is generally parallel to said second side of said stile, and wherein said first side of said stile contacts said first plane of material along an edge of said first plane of material and said second side of said stile contacts said second plane of



material along an edge of said second plane of material, wherein said at least one stile holds said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core in position to form said sandwich material; and

- e. at least one hinge which is attached to said stile

wherein said edge of said first plane of material is of reduced dimension from an adjacent portion of an exterior surface of said first plane of material, and wherein said first side of said at least one stile is generally flush with said adjacent portion of said exterior surface of said first plane of material.

32. (newly added) A window covering, comprising;

- a. a first plane of material;
- b. a second plane of material;
- c. a center core comprising polycarbonate, wherein said center core comprising polycarbonate is positioned between said first plane of material and said second plane of material, and
- d. at least one stile that is positioned over an exterior portion of said first plane of material and said at least one stile is positioned over an exterior portion of said second plane of material, wherein said at least one stile holds said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core in position to form a sandwich;

wherein an edge of said exterior portion of said first plane of material is of reduced dimension from an adjacent portion of said exterior portion of said

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first plane of material, and wherein said at least one stile that is positioned over said exterior portion is generally flush with said adjacent portion of said exterior portion of said first plane of material.